Criminal cases have been registered against persons concerned according to provision's of law, apart from impounding of forged Indian passports.

In order to gear up the machinery and to plug loopphoies, -vigilance staff has been deputed to conduct random check-ing. [mmigration stall is regularly briefed and alerted against such actvities.

Seizure of Arms and Ammuoition irou smugglers and terrorists

4581. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : WiU the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS hee pleased to state :

(a) the amount of arms and ammunition seized by Government a(various places from smugglers and lenorists, during the last three years;

(H) the market value of these arms at present; and

(e) the manner in which they axe disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A statement indication the available infornalion with regard to seizure of arms and ammuni-licns froin smugglers/terrorists jn various parts of the country is, !aid cu the Table of the House as Annexure. *(See* Appendix 173. Annexure No. 93)

fb) and (c) The market value of these weapons havg not been assessed since the weapons recoveied from the smugglei-s/terrorists become part of the case property in the Courts. Thereafter, these weapons are disposec" of in accordance with the diections of the Court

Vacancies in BSF

4582. SHRI 1, A. MOHAMMED SAQHY . will the Minister of HOME -MTAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last cadre review conducted in respect of Officers of the rank of Assistant Commmdart and above is Border Security Force (BSFV

(b) what are the promotion channels at present in BSF *vis-a-vis* police and other para military forces.

the number of posts of officens lying vacant in BSF, rank-wise;

(,d) what are the reaaons that the vacancies are not being filled up even when eligible officers in different ranks are available; and

(o) by when the posts are likely to be filled up on the basis of one time post from amongst the eligible officers in BSF?

THE MINISTER OF STATTi IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PALIOT): (a) The last cadre review was held in 1990.

(b) Officers of BSF are governed under the provisions of BSF Act, and Rules. However, their pro motional avenues are by and large same as in other Central Para Military For ces. The Central Para Military Forces are not comperable with the State Police.

(c) The rank-wise details of vacancies are as under:—

(i) Assistant Commandant	376
(ii) Deputy Commandant	339
(iii) Second-in-Command .	5
(iv) Commandant ...	5
(v) Dy. Inspector Genera!	4
(vi) Inspector General .	2

(d) and (e). As regards the vacancy position of Assistant Commandants, 150 probationers are undergoing basic train-irig and for filling of the remaining posts, selection process has been completed re-cently. The shortages in the post of Dy. Camdt. are, however, acute as sufficient number of eligible officers are not available for promotion. The vacancy position in the other grades is transitory.

Unearl'Iiiug of a racket in sharei certificates

4583. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report as published

by the national dailies on March 5, 1995 about unearthing of a major racket by the crime branch of Delhi Police involving *irter alia* stealing of 'share certificates and trading therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that several complaints about the activities of such a racket, active in Delhi and adjacent cities, have been lodged with the crime branch of Delhi Police, specifically identifying some key individuals in the racks: ,by some innocent victims long back;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the said complaints have been properly investigated into and ade quate action tekan in order to bring the culprits to book; if so, the details there of and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken, if any, to check activities of such rackets which may be active in other cities?

THE MINISTER Op STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b). In February, 1995, the Crmie Branch of Delhi Police unearthed a racket in large scale trading of stolen shares of various companies involving a complex net-vrork of sub-books, computer operators and pos-men. A case under section 420/467/468' 47l!380l411|120-B IPC was registered at Police Station Connaught Place, New Delhi. Nine accused txrsons were arrest-ed and 15,479 fake/stolen shares of various companies were seized from them.

te) to (e). Two complaints regarding theft of shares and lodging of the same for transfer were received by Delhi Police, Two cases, one u/s 420!468|471-IPC at Police Station Hauz Khas, and another ll/s 420/468]47l!l20-B IPC at police station Vinay Nagar, were registered and two persons arrested.

On further interrogation, four more cases already registered at Police Station Shalimtir Bash, Connaught Place, Hauz Khas and Chittranjan Park, were worked out.

(f) Government and other concerned agencies are keeping continuous yigilance to check such criminal activities.

Follow up action on the Commissions Report on Meham incidents

4584. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VEN-KATRAMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up follow up action against those named in the Meham incident on the report of Justice Sarkaria Commission of Enquiry;

(b) if so, what is the natiwe cf action taken;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that Commission of enquiries are only formalities Co be observed in such eases, and

(e) if so, what earthly purpose has been served by the Commission, sitting for four years and submitting the report by May 31, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A Commission of Enquiry was set up under the Chairmanship of Justice K. N. Saikia a retired Judge of the Supreme Court to inquire into the Meham incident. As Per the action taken report, laid on the Table of the House on 7-12-94, the Central Government was to (a) continue monitoring of action taken by State Goy-ernmnt on the issue of Human Rights training to police officers (b) consider suitable amendment to incorporate an oath by the candidate filing a nominatioa to be fair and harmless and (c) send copy of the report to State Govemmcnt/CBI for appropriate action.

(d) and (e) Though the Commissioii was for various reasons, not able to submit its reoort within the orginally stipulated period, the report not only coft-* tains findings on the terms of reference but has also suggested administrative! legislative changes, to prevent recurrencis of such incidents.